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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG LAOS

ROUTE 912 AND NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 137:

1. TWO FORTIFIED VILLAGES ARE OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 3NM NORTHEAST OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER NEAR ROUTE 137. BAN KATO AT 1721N 10611E (UTM XE261194) CONTAINS TWO PERSONNEL TRENCHES; AND AN UNNAMED VILLAGE AT 1720N 10611E (UTM XE267178) CONTAINS TWO PERSONNEL TRENCHES AND 4 A/W POSITIONS. PERSONNEL TRENCHES WITH A TOTAL OF 15 A/W POSITIONS ARE LOCATED ALONG A TRAIL CONNECTING THE VILLAGES WITH ROUTE 137 AT UTM XE272181, UTM XE274180, AND UTM XE278178. ONE PARTIALLY CONCEALED BUILDING IS LOCATED EAST OF THE ROAD AT UTM XE278173. ROW CROPPING IS OBSERVED WITHIN BOTH VILLAGES AND AT UTM XE264198 AND UTM XE265184.

2. TWO AREAS CONTAINING 6 A/W POSITIONS WITH AN INTER-CONNECTING TRENCH SYSTEM ARE LOCATED EAST OF ROUTE 137 AT 1718N 10612E (UTM XE283146 AND UTM XE285142).

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3. THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED
ALONG LAOS ROUTE 912: 3 A/W POSITIONS AND 5 FOXHOLES ARE
LOCATED AT 1713N 10608E (UTM XE207046); 6 A/W POSITIONS ARE
LOCATED AT 1712N 10609E (UTM XE230025); 7 A/W POSITIONS ARE
LOCATED AT 1712N 10608E (UTM XE221032); AND AT LEAST 12 2-MAN
FOXHOLES ARE LOCATED AT 1712N 10609E (UTM XE224037).

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4. AN ALTERNATE ROAD-SEGMENT BY-PASSING THE TRELLISED
SWITCHBACK ON ROUTE 912 AT 1712N 10609E IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
THE NEW SEGMENT EXTENDS FROM THE NAM TA LE (RIVER) AT UTM XE231022
AND FOLLOWS THE HILL-LINE TO ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 912 AT UTM
XE232013. THE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED SUBSEQUENT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND NOW APPEARS TO BE IN EARLY TO MID STAGES OF
COMPLETION.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES 7012 AND 701, SHEETS
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